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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY, SAVES TAXPAYERS \$425,000

Board Approves Three-Year, Shared Services Partnership with City of Milwaukee

Milwaukee – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is proud to announce that it has approved a three-year agreement with the City of Milwaukee to have the city handle all emergency 911 calls placed in the city.

The agreement between the municipalities, which sets a precedent for future shared services, provides Milwaukee County taxpayers with \$425,000 in savings during the next three years.

“This deal is a significant win for the people of both Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee,” noted Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic. “The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is always open to exploring shared services where there is benefit to all involved, and this arrangement is a strong example of getting it right.”

In the 2013 Milwaukee County Budget, the Board adopted a policy in the interest of public safety to have the City of Milwaukee answer emergency calls originating within the municipality.

“This agreement of shared services is evidence of what we can do when leaders and branches of government work together,” explained Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. “I look forward to continuing to partner with the County Executive in 2013 and to more intergovernmental cooperation in the future.”

Following discussions with City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and County Executive Chris Abele, the Board recognized the value in deliberating and vetting a longer-term agreement.

“I appreciate the County Executive putting this in his executive budget, and I applaud the Milwaukee County Board for working with the City to get it done,” said City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett. “The three-year agreement is smart policy, and I am hopeful that this agreement marks the beginning of more collaboration.”

The agreement approved by the Board becomes effective January 1, 2013 through January 1, 2016 and includes the option of a two-year extension through January 1, 2018.

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